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U.S. Embassy Statement Regarding Wikileaks



Adam Sterling, Chargé d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy, released the following statement Friday, Dec. 3, 2010:

The United States strongly condemns the illegal and reprehensible disclosure of classified information. As Secretary Clinton said earlier this week, “It puts people’s lives in danger, threatens our national security, and undermines our efforts to work with other countries to solve shared problems.... There is nothing brave about sabotage the peaceful relations between nations on which our common security depends.”

We deeply regret the disclosure of any information that was intended to be confidential.

While the U.S. government will not comment on or confirm details of documents purported to contain classified information, we can speak to the diplomatic community’s practice of cable writing. Cables reflect the internal day-to-day analysis and candid assessments that feed the foreign relations deliberations of governments. Cables are often preliminary and incomplete expressions of foreign policy, and they have no standing on their own nor do they represent U.S. policy.

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